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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/101,672 ) Group Art Unit: 1623  
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For: PREPARATION CONTAINING A )  
COMBINATION OF 5-METHYL- )  
ISOXAZOLE-4-CARBOXYLIC )  
ACID-(4-TRIFLUOROMETHYL)- )  
ANILIDE AND N-(4-TRIFLUORO- )  
METHYLPHENYL) 2-CYANO- )  
3-HYDROXYCROTONIC ACID )  
AMIDE )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2000, in the above-identified patent application Serial No. 09/101,672, filed October 23, 1998, Applicants are filing, concurrently with this Preliminary Amendment, a Continuing Patent Application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) and hereby request reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks. On November 1, 2000, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal. A petition and fee for a 3-month extension of time are also enclosed in order to maintain continuity with this Continuing Patent Application.

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